GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:432
ANSWERED ON:19.12.2000
COURSES ON ALL RELIGIONS IN UNIVERSITIES
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that Oxford University had a faculty of Eastern Religions and Ethics;

(b) if so, whether the UGC propose to start courses in all the religions highlighting the virtues of every faith;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor? ANSWER

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENTREFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF THE LOKSABHASTARRED QUESTION NO.432 FOI 19.12.2000 REGARDING COURSES ON ALL RELIGIONS IN UNIVERSITIES ASKED BY SHRIMATI JAYABEN B. THAKKAR

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b)&(c): Courses on various religions are already being offered by a number of universities. A statement indicating the names of such universities and the courses offered by them on the subject is attached at Annexure. Proposals for starting such courses by other universities will be considered as and when received by the UGC.

(d): Does not arise.